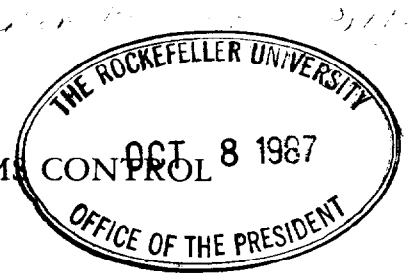


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SUBJECT: Second meeting with Soviet counterparts on Biological Weapons

Most of you are aware that a subgroup of the NAS Committee on International Security and Arms Control held its first meeting devoted exclusively to problems of biological weapons with a Soviet counterpart group in Moscow in October 1986. At the conclusion of the first meeting, both sides agreed to await the outcome of the April 1987 Experts Meeting (on the Biological Weapons Convention) to consider whether to hold a second meeting. Dr. Lederberg recently held a meeting with a few CISAC members to consider whether and how to proceed; the result was a decision to invite our Soviet counterparts to a second meeting in Washington in the spring of 1988.

Since CISAC will be going to Moscow at the end of October, we intend to carry with us a specific proposal of agenda and dates so as to have a detailed discussion with the Soviet BW delegation head indicating the kind of discussion we hope to have and the kind of people we hope they would include on their delegation.

✓ We hope that you will agree to be on the American delegation for the next meeting. The dates we are considering for probably a two-day meeting are March 14 - April 8. Enclosed are calendars of March and April 1988; I would greatly appreciate it if you could X out the dates in that period on which you are not available and mail, Federal Express or phone the information to me so that I get it no later than October 15. I will be leaving for Moscow on October 21 and therefore must have solid dates to propose to the Soviets by then.

Enclosed are minutes of the planning meeting that Dr. Lederberg held and a rough draft of the agenda and accompanying prose we plan to carry to Moscow; comments on those before October 15 would also be welcome. ✓

For those of you for whom all this comes out of the blue, Dr. Lederberg or I would be happy to speak with you to fill you in in greater detail. I can be reached at 202 334-2811. Please have your calendars back to me by October 15.